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Dear General Eisenhower:

The President has instructed me to provide you with information on the world situation similar to that which he receives from me personally each Friday morning. I suggest that the substance of these briefings in condensed form be bound in a folder, together with very short summaries of current intelligence estimates, and delivered to you weekly by an officer of this Agency. The reading time should not exceed fifteen minutes.

After you have read and any questions which occur to you have been answered, the officer can return the folder to me, since its contents are of a classified nature and must by law remain in the custody of an officer who is properly cleared. While you personally are cleared for all categories of information, you should not be burdened with the responsibility of securing documents of this nature.

If the above is satisfactory, please ask to make up a schedule of dates and places of delivery which will be most convenient to you.

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Faithfully,

Walter B. Smith

General Dwight D. Eisenhower

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